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NEWSLETTER FROM FIRST LEGO League TO CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE FLL TEAMS REGARDING NATIONAL FLL REGISTRATION.

Greetings /FIRST/ LEGO League (FLL) Participants:

Welcome to the 2007 /FIRST/ LEGO League Power Puzzle Season where your team will take on a truly “energizing” challenge - to investigate and solve real life energy production and consumption issues the world faces today. We know FLL-team brain power is already one of the greatest energy sources on earth, and we can't wait to see you harness it to solve Power Puzzle!

In order to help your registration run as smoothly as possible we are providing you with the following key information.

Registration will close when all slots are filled. This usually happens sometime after mid-September. Please note that FLL materials (Robot Set and Field Setup Kit) must be ordered by this deadline, but are subject to product availability. The maximum capacity is 6,720 teams (US and Canada.) We encourage early registration, product ordering, and payment to ensure timely receipt of program materials. FLL Robot Sets and the registration packets (Coaches' Handbooks and introductory DVDs) begin to ship in May. Field Setup Kits begin to ship in August.

Please note that there is a surge in registrations mid-August onward. If you place your order during this time period, you may experience a delay in order processing.

To register your team(s), go to the FIRST web site <http://www.usfirst.org/> and click on the registration link. On the FLL Registration Page, you will find important information pertaining to registration, such as steps to complete a team registration, product description and pricing, and contact information.

***READ THIS FIRST**

*To ensure that your team's registration and ordering process is correct and complete, and to prevent possible confusion, please take time to carefully read the sections below.

- * Provide an email address that can receive outside emails. Many school firewalls do not accept outside emails, so check before registering. You may decide to use your personal e-mail.

- * Register early. A dramatic surge in registration/orders begin mid-August. If you place your order during this rush, expect at least a two-week turnaround for delivery once LEGO Education/Spectrum receives your payment.

- * We highly recommend that every team purchase the Field Setup Kit early.

- * Instructions, descriptions and other important information are available on the FLL Team Registration home page for your reference. Please check there first if you have questions.

Orders

- * NOTE: Receiving a team number does not mean your team is registered. Registered teams complete the order process and payment.
- * Complete your on-line order before sending your PO or Check. Your order is not complete until you click "Place Order" and see an on-line order confirmation on the screen. Print it out and retain it for your records.
- * The \$200 USD/\$235 CAD Team Registration fee is mandatory and non-refundable.
- * The Field Setup Kit purchase is non-refundable.
- * If you use a purchase order (PO) as the payment method, and the number is not available, enter "TBD" in the PO number field.
- * Include your team number and Order ID number on the mailed check or faxed or mailed PO. Payment cannot be credited properly without this information.
- * The registration system can only calculate US pricing. Canadian pricing is also provided for reference. Canadian teams will receive an invoice from Spectrum Educational Supplies based on Canadian pricing; shipping and applicable taxes will be added to your invoice.
- * The Team Registration fee does not include the Field Setup Kit or participation in an event.

***Checklist of information you need before you start: ***

- * Coach e-mail address (can be updated or changed until early October)
- * Shipping address (no postal boxes)
- * Billing address
- * Payment method (if paying by credit card, billing address must match credit card statement)
- * List of materials you will buy (for a complete list, see Product Description and Pricing posted on the FLL Registration page)

Welcome back for the 2007 Power Puzzle Challenge!

Sincerely,

FLL Staff